

**"BOSS" PUTS ON SCREWS**

Murphy Orders Murtaugh Highway Board Bill Passed.

**CERTAIN HE HAS CONTROL**

Despite Confidence of Tammany Leader, Outcome Is Really in Doubt.

The Telegram to The Tribune: Albany, May 28.—Feeling certain that he has the necessary control of the Legislature, "Boss" Murphy, of Tammany Hall, has sent to his leaders here word to jam through the first of the big measures in which the 14th street organization is vitally interested. That is the Murtaugh bill reorganizing the State Highway Commission, which the Senate will take up for passage on Wednesday. Democratic efforts to pass it probably will develop the biggest and most sensational fight of the year.

Despite Murphy's confidence, the outcome as things stand really is in doubt. The Tammany leaders assert that they will be able to poll practically a solid Democratic vote on this measure. In addition, they whisper, they have two or three Republican votes which they can commandeer in dire extremity. The Republicans, on the other hand, maintain that not one of their number will desert to Tammany on this bill. Also, they say, there will be lined up against the measure at least five Democratic votes—those of Senators Roosevelt, Stillwell, Griffin, Bayne and Duhamel. These men constitute most of the "new insurgency" which grew out of Tammany's attitude on the Bronx county bill. Senator Burd, sometimes an insurgent, sometimes with the "organization," will vote for the highway bill.

Senator Roosevelt is pretty certain to vote against the bill as it stands. As to the attitude of Senators Stillwell and Griffin, there is more doubt. Ordinarily they are good enough organization men, and they themselves haven't defined just the extent to which their resentment against Murphy because of his treatment of their Bronx county bill may carry them. Bayne is in somewhat the same position. But if the five vote against Senator Murtaugh's bill Tammany will need to get at least one Republican vote to pass the measure. Many reports have been revived that Senator Emerson, Republican, of Warren County, would vote with Tammany. Emerson always has denied these stories and stoutly affirmed his entire devotion to the present Republican commission.

The Murtaugh bill legislates out of office the existing commission—Messrs. Hooker and Allen, Republicans, and Earl, Democrat. It proposes to substitute a commission of three members, made up of the State Engineer, elective; the State Superintendent of Public Works, appointed by the Governor, and a superintendent of highways, appointed by the Governor. These men would have equal powers in preparing plans, approving them, laying out routes, appointing all subordinates of the commission and similar work. The superintendent of highways would have sole charge of the practical work of road building and road repairing.

**Opposed from All Parts of State.**

Opposition came from all parts of the state to the measure when it was first presented. People interested in good roads objected, primarily, to any change in the personnel or policy or methods of work of the commission. Also, they lodged many protests against the scheme of having an elective officer serve with two appointive members of the board, declaring that instead of centralizing responsibility, as Governor Dix contended, it would divide it badly.

Democrats of the Democratic League brand are wrathful because the State Engineer and the State Superintendent of Public Works and the State Engineer to the present commission exchanged their places. They say this means, in plain English, that Tammany will grab all the jobs and make the Highway Department into a huge upstate political feeder for 14th street. To that advocates of the Murtaugh bill answer that even if the State Engineer is to be considered a Tammany man, he would be only one-third of the proposed board, while the other two-thirds would be men appointed by the Governor and likely to work together as he desired on matters of patronage as on other things. This doesn't seem to convince the anti-Tammany Democrats, who point out that in the end, however it happens, Tammany usually gets the job. Senator Roosevelt has prepared various amendments to the bill, which he probably will offer when the fight comes. One of these amendments would place all power over appointments by the new commission in the hands of the Superintendent of Highways.

Senator Roosevelt also has evolved a new bill which he may present this week. It would add the Superintendent of Public Works and the State Engineer to the present Highway Commission, without making any other changes. Many Republicans have told him they would favor that, and some organization Democrats might vote for it. He had another scheme to wipe out the present commission and substitute for it a board of five, including the Superintendent of Public Works and the State Engineer. Governor Dix didn't like that, and told him so, so he has dropped that one.

Tammany will go into the fight with all the advantages of position and numbers. Only despatch by at least five Democrats can prevent the organization's passing the bill in whatever form seems most desirable.

In the Assembly the insurgents have preserved a pretty fair organization, and on some things still vote together about as they did in the senatorial fight. If the Democratic League can align them against the highway bill, it might be defeated in the lower house—if some Republicans did not form a bipartisan alliance with the Tammany men on it. That's always a possibility nowadays.

Following action in both houses on the

**DR. CLIFFORD PREACHES**

John D. Rockefeller and London Pastor Chat After Service.

**OLD AGE THEIR THEME**

Sermon Deals with Freedom and Pays Tribute to Abraham Lincoln.

John D. Rockefeller sat in his pew at the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church yesterday morning and heard a sermon on equality preached by the Rev. John Clifford, B. A., M. A., D. D., LL. D., the man characterized by the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lloyd George, as the greatest fighter since Cromwell's time.

After the sermon Mr. Rockefeller walked down the central aisle from his pew and congratulated him on his brilliant sermon. Others gathered about Dr. Clifford, congratulating him on his brilliant sermon. A little later, as some of the admirers of the two men slipped away, the Rev. Dr. John B. Calvert, editor of "The Examiner," told Dr. Clifford that Mr. Rockefeller would like to meet him. The minister smiled benevolently and a moment later Dr. Calvert introduced them.

"We were glad to hear you, Dr. Clifford," said Mr. Rockefeller. "We are delighted to have you with us."

"It is a pleasure for me to be here," responded Dr. Clifford, and then they conversed a few moments. Mr. Rockefeller remarked that the minister looked pale and hearty and fit for many more years of useful service, at which Dr. Clifford smilingly inquired how old Mr. Rockefeller was.

"I am seventy-two years old," said Mr. Rockefeller.

"Dear me," said Dr. Clifford. "I have gone past that mark by two years. Is your health good, Mr. Rockefeller?"

"I am in good health," said Mr. Rockefeller. "I am feeling very well, thank you."

Dr. Clifford came to America as a delegate to the Lake Mohonk Peace Conference. He is the pastor of the Westbourne Park Baptist Church, Paddington, London, where without intermission he has served from the beginning of his ministry, fifty-three years ago.

He is also president of the World's Baptist Alliance and a noted and vigorous advocate of the new educational law now before the English Parliament.

Seated with Dr. Clifford on the platform during the sermon was Dr. H. N. Moorehead, secretary of the Board of Baptist Home Missions.

Dr. Clifford told in his sermon of St. John's happy conception of Christ, how he saw the great vitality, the force, the beauty of the life which the Saviour lived.

"The time is coming," said Dr. Clifford, "when the rights of the individual will be recognized from one end of the world to the other, and when the underlying principle of this republic, freedom for all, will be the rule for all nations."

"Christ defined for us the value of the human unit and made it impossible for us to treat men as if they were mere tools, as has been done in the past and is done today by some who look upon men as tools to work for them and their gain and happiness. The time is coming when this will be stopped and the rights of the individual respected."

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**FATHER DESERTS CHILDREN**

"Little Mother" Asks Court to Find Him.

Mary Housner, thirteen years old, dressed in a suit of mourning, walked into Yorkville court yesterday and wept while she asked Magistrate House to find her father, Joseph Housner, a porter. Mary has two younger sisters, Annie and Birdie, and since her mother died last October she has been keeping house at No. 318 East 25th street for her father and her two sisters, and going to school as well.

Mary showed Magistrate House a letter written by her father, in which he said he was going away and that his children never would see him again. The letter was written on the leaf of a copy book, and was in Bohemian. Translated it read:

"Dear Mary: I am going to part with you in the night. As I kiss you I am afraid you may awaken. In the daytime I quarrel with you, yet it is hard to leave you. Forgive me, and look after Annie and Birdie. When the money comes from Europe place a tombstone over mother's grave. Go and visit her. I want no funeral and no one to see me. Pay all the debts, and be satisfied with what you have. Your father."

When Magistrate House heard the contents of the letter, he instructed Mrs. Frances Broadhead, probation officer, to take Mary and her two sisters to the Children's Society.

**BREAK CHURCH'S BARRIERS**

Methodist Exchanges Pulpits with President: Pastor.

A Unitarian and a Methodist congregation exchanged ministers yesterday. Dr. John Wesley Hill, pastor of the Metropolitan Temple, went to Washington to preach in All Souls' Methodist Church, where President Taft worships, and the Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce, pastor of All Souls', came on to New York and occupied the pulpit of the Metropolitan Temple last night.

When the service was over there seemed to be pretty general satisfaction among the Methodists. The greater part of the congregation met the preacher in the transept and showered congratulations upon him. Dr. Pierce said it was the first time in the history of the church in the United States that such a procedure as a Unitarian minister swapping his pulpit with a Methodist pastor had taken place.

As the animals were the "growth or produce" of the United States the customs men did not see how they could be them in under the new act exempting everything except animals. The owner of the animals paid the 2½ per cent and they were released by him. The decision of the judge in the case is quoted in the notification of the Treasury Department to the Customs House. After June 1, when the rules will be enforced here, the importation of animals will be prohibited, including dogs, cats, horses and donkeys, that they have taken abroad with them, will be taxed 20 per cent of their value.

ST. LUKE'S WANTS DENTAL CLINIC.

A committee of district workers who have been connected with the work of St. Luke's Hospital, has issued an appeal for funds to aid in the establishment of a dental clinic at that hospital. The board of managers of the hospital has agreed to provide room for the clinic, but has asked the committee to deposit \$3,000 to maintain the clinic for one year. Subscriptions may be sent to John L. Waterbury, No. 113 Broadway.

TWO HURT BY TROLLEY CAR.

Miss Minnie Clark, a dressmaker, of No. 180 East 73rd street, and three-year-old Ruth Dooley, of No. 982 East 66th street, were removed to the German Hospital in an ambulance yesterday afternoon after an run down by a Lexington avenue car while crossing at 75th street. Miss Clark suffered contusions of the right leg, arm and shoulder, and the child, who was not otherwise injured, suffered from shock.

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